

Maintenance Schedule

No.28 — Front Boundary Planting Scheme

Spring	
Plant	Task
<i>Amelanchier lamarckii</i>	Mulch root zone with well-rotted organic matter. Remove any dead or crossing growth after flowering.
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Cut back hard to new growth once frost risk has passed, before new shoots extend. Never cut into bare wood.
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Cut back any tatty overwintered foliage to the base to allow fresh growth through.
<i>Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'</i>	Cut all dead foliage down to approximately 10cm before new growth emerges.
<i>Griselina littoralis</i>	Check for frost damage; trim out any blackened or dieback growth.
Summer	
Plant	Task
<i>Amelanchier lamarckii</i>	Water newly planted specimens in dry spells. No routine pruning required.
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Deadhead/trim lightly after first flush to encourage a second flowering.
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Cut back hard after flowering if foliage collapses or looks tired; will reflush within weeks.
<i>Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'</i>	No routine maintenance; flowering stems develop through mid to late summer.
<i>Griselina littoralis</i>	Trim to maintain shape; second light clip if used as a hedge or block.
Autumn	
Plant	Task
<i>Amelanchier lamarckii</i>	Plant new specimens now while soil is warm and moist. Rake up and remove fallen leaves if disease was present.
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Light trim only to tidy shape; avoid hard pruning this late in the season.
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Allow to die back naturally; leave seed heads if self-seeding is wanted, otherwise deadhead.
<i>Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'</i>	Leave stems standing for winter structure; do not cut back now.
<i>Griselina littoralis</i>	Final light trim before growth slows. Avoid pruning once frosts are likely.
Winter	
Plant	Task
<i>Amelanchier lamarckii</i>	Formative pruning while dormant if shape correction is needed. Check stakes and ties on young trees.
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Leave alone. No pruning. Protect young plants in exposed sites if a hard frost is forecast.
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Leave dormant; no action required.
<i>Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'</i>	Leave standing for winter interest and habitat; cut back in early spring instead.
<i>Griselina littoralis</i>	Avoid pruning. Protect with fleece in exposed or frost-prone positions during hard frosts.